

A systematic study of the southern African endemic genus *Sisyranthus* (Apocynaceae)

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Sisyranthus (Apocynaceae) species are cryptic in both their habit and small size of their flowers making it difficult to find in the wild. The genus was last revised in *Flora Capensis* (1908) and since then, only one new species have been described. Currently it comprises 13 recognised species endemic to southern Africa. Many of these are range-restricted and poorly known which makes this genus a priority for taxonomic attention, with a revision of the group urgently needed. The aim of this study is therefore to revise the genus and produce a molecular phylogeny for *Sisyranthus* and its close relatives using sequence data from two nuclear marker (ITS and ETS) and the core barcodes (*rbcLa* and *matK*).